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NEW RAILWAY LINE IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long-pending demand for a new rail line from Jhargram to Adra via Purulia, West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Railways thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): Adra to Purulia is already connected by a broad gauge line. Representations have been received for construction of a new line between Purulia and Jhargram. As per the updating survey for new line between Jhargram−Purulia, the cost of construction of 136-km-long new line was assessed as Rs. 356.22 crore with a rate of return of (−) 7.17%. Final decision on this proposal would be feasible once the survey report is finalized.